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10/708,718	03/19/2004	Paul R. Hickert	1480.01	2717

TITLE OF INVENTION: AIR BARRIER DEVICE FOR PROTECTING LIQUID FLUIDS IN OPENED CONTAINERS

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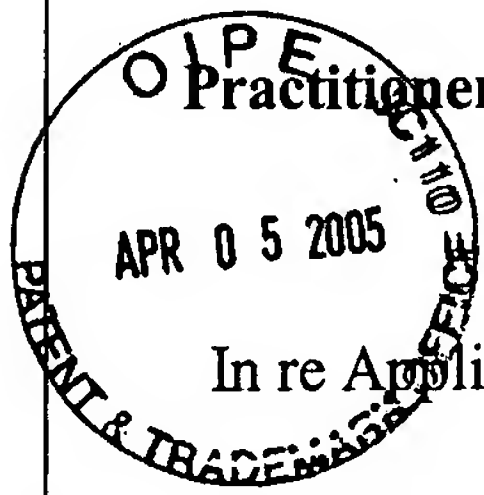
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In re Application of: Paul R. Hickert

Serial No.: 10/708,718

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For: Air Barrier Device for Protecting Liquid Fluids in  
Opened Containers

Art Unit: 3754

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